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Gravelton, Ind.

We come again with a few items from this place. We have preaching as usual three sermons twice a month. The work is moving along nicely.

We held our last communion April 21. We were blessed with a warm, moonlight night. The attendance was good. We were sorry there was not sufficient room at the tables for all that wished to engage in the service. We counted 16 young members at the tables, this being their first opportunity of engaging in these services since uniting with the church last winter. These dear young people are taking an active part in church work and especially in Sunday school.

We were pleased to see so many present from Milford, Nappanee, South Union and Syracuse. Brother Marks was assisted in the work by Brother Rench and our former pastor E. Stoneburner. If the Lord spares our life we expect to meet with these dear friends at their respective places of worship.

We must not forget our Sunday school which is progressing finely. Good attendance and earnest in the work. The attendance is about 70, and the penny collections about the same.

The EVANGELIST is a welcome visitor, and now that we are to have one page devoted to the interest of the Sunday school is a great move in a grand cause. We are pleased to see this because we love to work in the Sunday school. We believe this is a great factor in bringing the unconverted to Christ. We hope to see contributions from some of our great Sunday school workers.

In conclusion we will say to our ministering brethren if you chance to pass this way stop and see us. You will find Brother Marks kind and courteous. May we all prove faithful until the end and finally meet in that land beyond.

J. HOLDERMAN.

### Falls City Items

I know not whether you have been promised a monthly letter from our church, but noticing a gap in our correspondence, I will endeavor to fill it up.

I have now entered into the third month of my pastorate here, and having just about finished the pleasant (?) task of home making for my family, I am now ready for earnest, aggressive work for the Master. Being a stranger to this church—and indeed to most of the brotherhood (this being my initial bow to them thru the columns of the EVANGELIST.) I was only called temporarily for three months, but the Lord gave me grace in the eyes (and I trust in the hearts) of the people, and I am gratified to say that after but three weeks they called an informal

## BRETHREN EVANGELIST

meeting of the committee and other brethren and extended me a call for at least one year, and sent me home (giving me a Sunday off, too,) for my family; and the church on Wednesday last (May 3.) in business session assembled, ratified their action. I am learning to love them, and trust I may win their love and that this union may be for the glory of God's kingdom.

Our church is waking up to spiritual things ready to receive the "good seed." Brother Harrison's faithful ministry last summer, and in connection with him, Brother Gillin's effort here last winter has done lots of good. While Brother Gillin had a harvesting time, he also had a ploughing time. He must have gone thru with a "breaking plow," as I find some "fallow ground" broken up. I see some need of more thorough organization along some lines of work which will come all right by and by. I found both churches without mid-week prayer meeting, and last week we organized one at each place, both of which were much enjoyed. Satan tried to discourage us in this, but we won, and we mean to "hold the fort" against him. Our young people are alive and working in harmony. I hope soon to send a sample of their enterprise. We miss our dear brother Bert Lichty, who has gone to Lincoln to attend the university with a view to entering the ministry. He is a consecrated young man. I hope he will finish up at Ashland College. I am happy in having associated with me in the eldership here such a wise, good and conscientious an adviser as brother Michael Lichty. Several Sundays since we were given to rejoice in the return of a prodigal daughter and her re instatement in the church. We will hold our communion next month; details later. Brethren, pray for us.

J. ELWOOD BRAKER.

## Our Dead

BLOUGH.—Daniel Blough was born in Somerset County, Pa., June 27, 1841, died at his home in Argos, Ind., May 7, 1899, aged 57 years, 10 months and 10 days. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hensel, of Argos, Ind., on the 4th day of July, 1869. To this union were born seven children, two sons and five daughters, one daughter having passed away at the age of fourteen leaves a wife, two sons and four daughters with a host of friends to mourn their loss. The large concourse of people that attended the funeral was a token of the high esteem in which he was held in the community in which he lived. The obituary as written by the friends says, Within the last two years he had decided to unite with the Brethren at Tiosa, Ind. Funeral by the undersigned.

About a year ago we visited this brother at his home; had a very pleasant conversation with him on the subject of religion and the many different creeds and beliefs in the world today. In the conversation with him he expressed himself as highly pleased with the Brethren church because of her gospel alone doctrine. We urged the matter upon him as he had his mind thoroughly made up as to his church choice that now was the time for him to enter in because of his failing health. We were ready and would go with him to the water that morning but he said not now. On last Thursday we received a letter stating he wanted us to come and baptize him, but alas

when we reached his home he had had a fatal stroke of paralysis and was unable to speak to us hence it was too late and on last Sunday evening he passed away. I write this short sketch as a warning to those who are halting between two opinions. Oh, may it be a warning to all of us Brethren as servants of God as we meet with those who are almost persuaded to press the call of the Master, now is the accepted time. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved companion and children in their sad and irreparable loss.

D. A. HOPKINS.

MOSER.—Vernie Moser, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Moser, died May 4, 1899. He was born Aug. 9, 1898, aged 8 months and 24 days. Funeral conducted by the writer at Enon Brethren church, Saturday afternoon May 6th. These friends have our sympathy in their bereavement.

J. L. GILLIN.

HOLSINGER.—Died of paralysis at Peru, Ind., John T. Holsinger, son of Jacob and Sarah A. Holsinger, of Sulphur Springs, Ind.

S. A. HOLSINGER.

Messenger please copy.

VENTLING.—Sister Della C. Ventling died at her home near Buckeye City, Ohio, April 27, 1899, aged 27 years, 4 months and 20 days. She suffered from consumption for a number of months. She united with the Brethren church February 26, 1898. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was faithful in her religious duties. She leaves her father, mother, four brothers and two sisters to mourn her departure. Funeral services were held in the Brethren church at this place. May God bless the bereaved family.

J. L. KIMMEL.

STUTZMAN.—Melvin D. Stutzman, son of Mr. Eli and Mrs. Sadie Stutzman, died at his home near Rosedale, Pa. April 22, 1899, aged 9 years, 3 months and six days. Death was certainly a welcome visitor to this boy. He was entirely helpless from his birth and suffered much, the only sense he had was sight. The parents feel lost in the home without him yet they rejoice in the fact that he is relieved of all his suffering and is now resting in the loving arms of the heavenly Father. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the German Baptist church on Mt. Everet.

ALVIN BYERS.

YEARTY.—Sister Esther Yearty of the Bloomer Church, Miami County, Ohio, was born Oct. 11, 1836, died May 12, 1899, aged 62 years, seven months and one day. She was married to Henry Marker in Dec. 1863 and to this union there were born four sons and one daughter, all of whom are living. Her husband preceded her to the spirit world, having died in 1870, she remaining a widow and thru the hard fought battle of widowhood she succeeded in supporting and keeping her family together until Oct. 15 1885, when she again entered into matrimony with John Yearty with whom she shared both joys and sorrows until February, 1897, when death again entered her home leaving her a widow. She was the daughter of Henry and Sarah Swank and her aged mother already past four score years still survives her. Sister Yearty leaves four sons, one daughter, an aged mother, one brother and six sisters and ten grand children to mourn the loss which is her gain. Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior and lived faithful until the summons came. Her sickness was of five weeks' duration, suffering intense agony but bearing it patiently, longing for her release. By her request we went to her bedside and anointed her, showing her entire submission to her Divine Father. Sermon by the writer from Job 16: 22, to a large concourse of friends.

M. S. WHITE.